

**SECTION A
INVITATION TO BID**

01.A- Sealed proposals from Contractors will be received by the Sumter County Board of Education, Americus, Georgia, Owner, in the Office of the Sumter County Board of Education, 100 Learning Way, Americus, Georgia, until 3:15 P.M. prevailing time on May 13, 2010 for the construction of the Sumter County Middle School Administration Renovation, Americus, Sumter County, Georgia.

02.A- Each bid shall be submitted on the prescribed Form of Proposal. All blank spaces for bid prices must be filled in, in ink or typewritten, in both words and figures, and the certification shall be completed and executed when submitted.

03.A- At the time and place noted above, the proposals for the project will be publicly opened and read. No extension of the bidding period will be made.

04.A- Bidding documents may be obtained at the office of James W. Buckley & Associates, P.O. Box 466, Albany, Georgia 31702; Telephone Number (229) 883-4698.

05.A- Application for documents, together with a deposit of \$250.00 per set should be filed promptly with the Architect. Bidding material(s) will be forwarded **Shipping and Handling Charges Collect**, as soon as possible. The full amount of deposit for **ONE (1)** set will be refunded to each General Contractor who submits a bona fide bid upon return of such set in good condition within ten (10) days after date of opening of bids. All other deposits for complete sets will be refunded less \$125.00 for cost of reproduction of documents upon return of same in good condition within ten (10) days after opening of bids. Parties failing to return plans within 10 consecutive calendar days of date of bid opening or parties returning plans in other than "good condition" shall forfeit entire amount of deposit; no exceptions.

06.A- Contract, if awarded, will be on a lump-sum basis. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after time and date of opening.

07.A- Each bid must be accompanied with a **BID BOND** (Bond only; certified checks or other forms are not acceptable) in an amount equal to 5% of the base bid, payable to the OWNER and issued by a Surety authorized to do business in the State of Georgia, in order to guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract to construct the project strictly within the terms and conditions stated in this bid and in the bidding and Contract Documents, should the construction contract be awarded to him.

08.A- The successful bidder shall be required to furnish a bond for the faithful performance on the contract and a bond to secure payment of all claims for materials furnished and/or labor performed in performance of the project, both in amounts equal to 100% of the Contract Price. Both bonds shall be issued by a Corporate Surety authorized to do business with the State of Georgia. All bids submitted shall remain open for a period of sixty (60) days after the date of the bid opening.

A-10. All bids submitted shall be in accordance with the terms of the Georgia Vendor Manual and the laws of the State of Georgia.

A-11. The owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive technicalities and informalities.

END OF SECTION